



**MILILANI MAUKA/ LAUNANI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 35**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MILILANI MAUKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Kimberly Ribellia called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.; a quorum was present with eight (8) members.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dana Agader, Marlene Blackwell, Melissa Graffigna, Dean Hazama, Doug Mossman, Kimberly Ribellia, Alan Suwa, and Pamela Young.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Ellis.

**GUESTS:** Captain Michael A. Smith (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD), Julie Matsumoto, Avery Matsumoto, Darren Yuu, Pat Boisvert; Major Michael Thomas, Capt. Kau, Lt. Kurt Nakamura, Sgt. Wilson, Officer Martin (Honolulu Police Department – HPD); Tony Gaston and Kathy Best (Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii Inc.); Brian Sekiguchi, (Deputy Director, State Department of Transportation, Airports Division – Governor’s Representative), Hener Sison, Hesther Ho, Shelly Nakasone, Marie Higa, Jacob Noury (Clearwire), John Ridings, Bibiaba Cloonan, Ann Thornock (Representative Marilyn Lee’s Office staff), Jan Kemp (Board of Water Supply – BWS), Gordon Bruce (Director, Department of Information Technology -- Mayor’s Representative), Scout Troop 664, Scoutmaster Kane Kanetani (Troop 664), Pat Lee (Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project -- HHCTCP), Brandon Mitsuda (Council Chair Dela Cruz’s Office Staff); Tony Gaston and Kathy Best (Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii Inc.), Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**POSTING OF COLORS BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 664:** Chair Ribellia requested the Scouts from Mililani Mauka Boy Scout Troop 664 to present the United States and the State of Hawaii Colors. Scouts led in giving the Pledge of Allegiance, posted colors and retired to the back of the room. Chair Ribellia thanked the Scouts.

**APPROVAL OF TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Chair Ribellia asked for corrections to the circulated Minutes. The following corrections to the June 20, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes were proposed:

- Page 2, under Videotaping – amending the passed motion to insert the phrase “**and refreshments for the Cinema Tech crew up to \$100.**”
- Page 3, under Regional Park – inserting the phrase “on or about” before the date of July 22.

**Hazama moved, and Agader seconded, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2006 be approved as amended. Chair Ribellia declared the Minutes approved as amended unanimously, 8-0-0. Aye:** Agader, Blackwell, Graffigna, Hazama, Mossman, Ribellia, Suwa, Young.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** For July 2006, Suwa reported that the Operating Account balance was \$1,470.57, the Publicity Account balance was \$977, and the Refreshment Account balance was \$120. **Young moved, and Hazama seconded to file the July 2006 Treasurer’s Report. Chair Ribellia declared the motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Aye:** Agader, Blackwell, Graffigna, Hazama, Mossman, Ribellia, Suwa, Young.

**RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUT TROOP #664:** Chair Ribellia asked Mossman to conduct the Board recognition. Mossman requested Boy Scout Troop #664 to come before the audience for



recognition, introduced the 25 members as a group and Scoutmaster Kanetani individually, and presented a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35. Mossman explained the Scouts have presented the colors at the beginning of the Board meetings for the past six years and also awarded McDonald's certificates as tokens of thanks. Mitsuda presented a City Council certificate from Council Chair Dela Cruz. Chair Ribellia took a five-minute recess to congratulate the individual Scouts.

#### **AGENCIES REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Capt. Smith (Mililani-Mauka Station) reported on monthly activity statistics for the July period: nine structure fires, six brush fires, and four vehicle fires, as well as calls for twenty-nine medical, nine search/rescue and two miscellaneous emergencies.

Smith reported the Fire Safety Tip for August 2006 as: *August is the start of a new school year. Be careful while driving near schools and be aware of students crossing the street. Take the time to teach your children how to cross the street safely and remind them to call 911 for emergencies*

Smith noted a past question had inquired about the possible additional fire/emergency facilities construction and reported that a Koa Ridge station has been recommended by the HFD and that the City's Department of Planning and Permitting is considering the project.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lt. Nakamura introduced HPD district commander Major Thomas and Officer Martin, submitted a statistics report and was available to respond to questions.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS)** – Kemp reported no area main breaks for the past several months and noted that emergency water supplies should be maintained in homes, as well as making other preparations for storms, natural disasters or homeland security problems. He distributed several emergency planning documents, one on water emergency and a checklist on emergency planning, and reminded Board members of an annual BWS informational session conducted on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at the City's Mission Memorial Auditorium, Honolulu Hale, 9 to 11:30 a.m. He referenced a question by Ellis at the last meeting and reported that the development of Koa Ridge's water system will be borne by the developer. He explained that the Koa Ridge system will be based on a determination of the BWS as to what will be adequate, and then the system will be conveyed to the BWS, with the ratepayers maintaining the system.

**O'ahu Arts Center (OAC)** – Chair Ribellia reported a OAC fundraiser to be held, entitled "Night of the Arts", on Saturday, August 26, 2006, 5:00 p.m., at Mililani Golf Course. She reported that the \$200,000 state grant appropriation was intended to be released by Governor Lingle when the OAC had raised an initial \$50,000 in contributions.

**Central O'ahu Regional Park (CORP)** – Young reported the CORP advisory committee had met on August 14, 2006 and distributed a report of recent activities. She reported that subcommittee teams had been reactivated and the food area is now open. She also reported that the BWS had confirmed plans to return the property to the park as of August 2 but that the committee recommended that the property should first be returned to its former condition prior to the return.

**Castle & Cooke Homes (CCH)** – Gaston reported on items from the prior meeting:

- Upper Lehiwa Street Traffic Signal - Light parts were ordered and are now being fabricated, with an expected delivery in about two months. The lights are still targeted for operational by the end of November 2006.
- Recreation Center 7 - CCH and Mililani Town Association (MTA) are still investigating a mold problem to confirm that it is safe, with an independent company to make a report at the end of August 2006.
- Commercial property development at H-2 Freeway – Two commercial buildings are to be placed near McDonalds and TESORO, with a more complete report to be provided at the next Board meeting. Tentative plans are for a 20,000 square foot 2-story office building (to start construction late September/October 2006) , a low food and beverage building and a self-storage center (also to start late September/October 2006) near the Art Center. Suwa asked about a second traffic light for the commercial area, which Gaston reported was still on schedule for installation in a couple of months.

#### **REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor's Representative** – Bruce represented Mayor Mufi Hannemann and distributed copies of a Mayor's newsletter and highlighted:

- Naming of the Honolulu municipal office tower as the Frank F. Fasi Building.
- Upgrading of Oahu City, State and Federal agencies (twenty of them) onto one communications system, and the successful completion of a recent test of their tactical emergency capabilities.
- High-resolution aerial photographs are available for public use.
- An update on the Honolulu High Capacity Rapid Transit Corridor was held on August 8, with more to be held in a few months.
- Construction is ongoing at the Mililani Mauka District Park, with this and other City projects being delayed due to the redirection of scarce asphalt to resurfacing projects necessitated by the recent 48-hour period of rains; completion is expected in December to January 2007.

He reported that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has the master oversight of wireless communications and that cities do not have the right to reject proposed antenna projects on the basis of health, although esthetics and lowering of property values are valid permit issues. He also reported that the antenna being discussed for the Mililani Mauka School site is not being proposed as a faux tree.

Bruce reported that recycling is important to the City and encouraged the use of the City's blue recycling bins. He requested that those desiring a second bin to call the City's Environmental Services Department.

Bruce responded to a question, reiterating that there is no federal rule against school sites, pointing out that the Kalihi Valley School has an antenna on its property where it is receiving \$12,000 and year annual rent. Chair Ribellia pointed out that the issue is on the agenda later in the meeting. Bruce stated that the FCC says the City cannot limit the antenna for health reasons.

**Council Chair Dela Cruz** – Mitsuda distributed the City Council Calendar, the City election calendar and two newsletters. He highlighted the listing of area Capital Improvement Projects, real property assessment dates for 2006, and reported ongoing efforts to resolve constituent issues as listed in the June Board Minutes. He reported continuing efforts to seek replacement lights for the recently vandalized freeway lights, stressing the need for safety.

**Governor's Representative** – Sekiguchi represented Governor Linda Lingle, distributed the Governor's Office media advisories and highlighted:

- Homeland and airport security levels are set at "orange," therefore, increased time is required for processing through airports to planes. He suggested three hours for check-in before flight time but said that the airline should be called. Valet curbside parking has now been established at \$20.00 per day.
- Beat the School Jam traffic – major traffic congestion is expected on August 21, 2006 with the return to school of 50,000 UH students. He reported a week-long moratorium on highway work projects
- A Women's Leadership Conference was announced for August 29, 2006.

**Senator Robert Bunda:** No representative was present.

**Senator Ron Menor:** No representative was present.

**State Representative Marilyn Lee** – Thornock (Representative Lee's Office staff) distributed copies of her newsletter (extra copies were available at the sign-in table) and reported:

- Lee was attending the National Conference of State Legislators.
- A contract has been made for the construction of ten classrooms at the Mililani High School.
- The legislative office is open to serve constituents and to field ideas for the coming legislative sessions. If you wish to call for assistance or with ideas, phone 586-9460.

**State Representative Marcus Oshiro** – Yuu invited community members to a September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Red Cross Shelter Training Session at Leilehua High School. He explained that the combination of hurricane season and other potential disaster was an excellent time for the community to increase their knowledge of emergency planning issues; he explained that a form was needed to be completed and invited those interested to call him at 586-8505.

**Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Coalition** – Lee reported the second round of public meetings were held on August 8, 2006, that they were well attended and the report material is posted on the website. He reported a presentation to be held at Farrington High School on August 28, 2006, providing information on cost ridership, presenting renderings of different alternatives, and reporting studies on the 23-mile corridor. Lee reported that he had relayed Young's questions with regard to how the Central Oahu sites could be included in future phases. Suwa advocated that members and the audience view the on-line reports – mentioning the Board's prior endorsement of a Central Oahu spur, with Chair Ribellia agreeing that the presentations were very well done and also endorsed viewing the website.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**OMPO Citizen Advisory Committee (OMPO CAC)** – Young announced an OMPO CAC meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 4 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room #301. Included on the agenda is a discussion of pedestrian safety.

**Neighborhood Commission** – Chair Ribellia announced a Neighborhood Commission meeting to be held on August 28, where discussion will include the recently released audit of the Neighborhood Board System. She also noted that binders will be distributed to Board members as well as, if members would like to have, a general information Members Guidebook.

**Nighttime Park Closure Letter** – Chair Ribellia and Graffigna discussed circulating a draft letter putting forth the Board's position as previously taken at the June 20, 2006 meeting where

the Board requested the Department of Parks and Recreation to close the Mililani Mauka District Park during nighttime hours. There was general Board agreement that the vote had already been taken and the draft should be circulated before the next meeting.

## **PRESENTATIONS –**

**Equestrian Unit at Central Oahu Regional Park –** HPD Sgt. Wilson reported on a proposal to base the HPD mounted unit at the Central Oahu Park. In discussion, it was presented that HPD's leadership is considering options for the future of the equestrian unit, including relocation from the Waimanalo area to that of disbanding it. Wilson presented the usefulness of the mounted patrol in crowd control and crime deterrent, noting that the presence and mobility of the unit over all terrain gives the HPD control of the site used, much more than through foot or vehicle patrols. She pointed to the unit's use at Ala Moana Park and as a public relations tool. The unit has eight horses, is available to be used in high crime areas, the draft horses are 1800 pounds, and has uses as static displays, school programs and as all-terrain vehicles; cars are reactive, horses are active. Suwa asked if the unit was all City or if private funds are involved; Wilson said it's all City funds. Capt. Kau explained that he was present to represent the HPD chief and that the department is starting to conduct a study for the HPD chief, saying that there is no timetable yet for the report.

**CLEARWIRE –** Clearwire Wireless Broadband proposes to install a wireless installation at Mililani Ike School (located at Mehelula Parkway and Lehiwa Drive). Jake Noury represented Clearwire. Maps and artist renderings of the project were distributed, with the retouched photos showing the view of the proposed installed antenna, which would include a constructed wall, which would blend with existing walls to separate the required transmitter equipment located at the base of the antenna. The antenna design would be for a thin pole as opposed to a much thicker camouflaged pole.

In response to questions, the following details were reported: existing Clearwire poles include those at Kalihi schools, Kapolei High School and Kaimuki High School, all of which have been approved by the Department of Education, and have been previously approved by the State Department of Health. The height of the pole is 60 feet, the service is for computer home user which means the location needs to be near homes rather than the freeway, the pole will be painted to blend rather than painted a bright color, the revenues will go to the school, and that the bottom wall could be formed a rock wall to blend in but the current design is in keeping with the existing building. The output of a cellular antenna is about 10 watts but that this is not cellular technology but broadband, which is also much less than 10 watts, is more akin to "wi-fi" technology and has a range of one half to one mile.

Hazama pointed out that the Board has asked for antennas to be co-located at the City site to prevent proliferation of antennas; the technology was explained as different and is needed to be higher, which is at the school area.

Several community residents discussed (Michelle and Karen) that the elementary school had distributed a flyer to parents, which conveyed that the decision-making on the cellular antenna site placement was to be this evening at this meeting; Noury explained that an application has yet to be submitted and Chair Ribellia explained that since there was no application, a statement that the decision was to be made tonight was incorrect, and, that the Neighborhood Board would not be the agency to issue a permit. Chair Ribellia also asked why the flyer stated cellular when it is a different technology. Principal Nakasone explained that he was trying to communicate to the parents of the issue and that the letter was not cleared with Clearwater. Community residents (Michelle, Doug, and Karen) had expressed concerns about high frequency microwaves damaging children; Noury explained that there are specific guidelines

which are being followed, including notifying immediately adjacent landowners – with community residents (Doug and Cheryl) asking for notification of whole area and a meeting at the Mililani Iike School. Cheryl stated that her husband had said that he's read many reports on kid's brains being scalded, with Tina asking about frequency; Noury explained that 10 to 100 is allowed but that they will use 10 to 20 watts. Tina said she had studies that say that this level is dangerous. Blackwell asked if this was completion to Oceanic Cable; Noury explained that it is an alternative, Oceanic has wires and Clearwire has more portability, with Noury explaining that this "highest" site is the last choice to provide residential service. Suwa stressed the advisory nature of neighborhood boards and asked about a future public hearing; Noury explained that a public hearing is not required. Chair Ribellia noted that the approval from the City is 60 days after the application but that community letters and resident petitions might have an effect; the approval comes from Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Director Henry Eng. Chair Ribellia also suggested that the school could review the residential mailing list used by Clearwire. An audience member suggested the notification should be mailed to everyone within the school district, and then suggested that the antenna be placed at the bottom of the gulch along with the power lines. Residents also suggested (Tom and Charlene) that additional broadband completion is valuable. Young said that DPP has considered recommendations from Board in the past and asked Nakasone if he would be willing to cancel the project. Noury noted that the technology was not new, that it is regulated, but that it is cutting edge in the delivery.

Chair Ribellia suggested putting the Clearwire broadband antennae issue on the agenda for action. **Hazama moved and Young seconded that the Clearwire Broadband Antenna issue be added to the evening agenda. Chair Ribellia declared Clearwire added to the agenda unanimously, 8-0-0. Aye:** Agader, Blackwell, Graffigna, Hazama, Mossman, Ribellia, Suwa, Young. Chair Ribellia proposed that, if there were no objections, the issue could be addressed at this time. With no objections, Chair Ribellia declared the Clearwire issue open for action. **Graffigna thanked Noury for coming out to meet the community and moved that the Mililani Mauka / Launani Valley Neighborhood Board not support the antenna due to lack of information and notice and the lack of support. Young seconded and Graffigna restated the motion as "Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board No. 35 not to support the Clearwire Wireless Broadband Proposed Wireless Installation at Mililani Iike School at this time due to lack of information and notice to community and lack of supporting evidence of need; and lack of supporting information of no health risk (with a letter to be sent to DOE and DPP)." Hazama said would not support the antenna. Mossman said that passion was an important thing. Young suggested that alternatives – such as community park -- be proposed. Suwa said that he would not support the antenna, although the community was not necessarily all opposed. Hazama said the health issue was not resolved. Graffigna said another location and more information were needed and suggested that Clearwire come back with answers to the community. Young suggested a task force to investigate another location. Chair Ribellia declared the motion to not support the antenna passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Aye:** Agader, Blackwell, Graffigna, Hazama, Mossman, Ribellia, Suwa, Young.

**Equestrian Unit at Central Oahu Regional Park –** Young referenced a distributed draft resolution to support the equestrian unit being based at Central Oahu Regional Park. **Young moved and Graffigna seconded to pass the resolution on the equestrian unit. Hazama mentioned that he had concerns with the resolution and proposed to defer the resolution until more information was obtained, with Mossman seconding the motion to defer. Chair Ribellia declared the motion to defer passed, 6-2-0. Aye:** Agader, Blackwell, Hazama, Mossman, Ribellia, Suwa. **No:** Graffigna, Young.

**Establishing a Coalition** – Chair Ribellia asked Hazama to chair the meeting and presented a resolution to form a “coalition” committee relating to the Central Oahu Sustainable Community Plan. **Chair Ribellia moved and Graffigna seconded to create and establish a “coalition” to work and collaborate with government agencies on various issue relating to the Central Oahu Sustainable Community Plan. Hazama declared the motion for a coalition passed unanimously, 7-0-0. Aye:** Agader, Blackwell, Graffigna, Hazama, Ribellia, Suwa, Young. (Mossman not present at the front of the meeting.)

**Vision Statement** – Chair Ribellia asked for a motion on the resolution for a Board vision statement. **Hazama moved and Graffigna seconded to defer the vision statement resolution. Chair Ribellia declared the motion to defer passed unanimously, 7-0-0. Aye:** Agader, Blackwell, Graffigna, Hazama, Ribellia, Suwa, Young. (Mossman not present at the front of the meeting.)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board will be held on September 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria, 95-1111 Makaikai Street.

The next Committee of the Whole Meeting will be on September 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mililani Ike Elementary School Cafeteria.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Ribellia asked for a motion to adjourn. **Hazama moved and Young seconded to adjourn. Chair Ribellia declared the motion to adjourn passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Aye:** Agader, Blackwell, Graffigna, Hazama, Mossman, Ribellia, Suwa, Young. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Submitted by Elwin Spray, Neighborhood Commission Office staff